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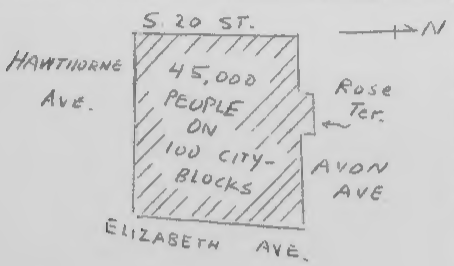
Council Assembly to Meet! **All Members and Friends Welcome!**

- November 7, 1963, Thursday, starting at 7:30 p.m.
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Clinton Ave. at South 17 St. opposite the Roosevelt Theater). Fr. F. Y. Weiler, rector.
- ~ Hear what's happening in Clinton Hill and in Newark: committee reports
- ~ Approval and nominations for Nominating Committee: council elections coming up.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! See you on November 7!

MAYOR NIXES FURTHER "BLIGHT" TALKS NOW



This is Clinton Hill - the Neighborhood we strive to defend.

New Officers

The January 1964 meeting of the CHNC Assembly will feature election of officers for two-year terms. Watch for time and place.

Mrs. Rosa Langston of Seymour Ave., a council vice-president, has resigned for reasons of health.

Council president is Mrs. Louise Patterson, 721 Hunterdon St., as if you didn't know! If you have any local news items or just want to chat, why not call her at BI 2-8938 and introduce yourself.

She'll be glad to hear from all members and friends of the council.

COME AND GET IT!

Striking workers at the Fedders Air Conditioning Plant on Jelliff Ave. were served coffee and 22 sandwiches daily by CHNC members during the hot summer months.

This was a helping hand rendered to working neighbors by the council. Among those helping were Mrs. Mary Robinson, Mrs. Catherine Smith, Mrs. Mabel Lyons, Mrs. Helen Winters, Mrs. Rose Heyman, Mrs. Rose Heyman, and Mrs. Louise Patterson.

Randy's Meat Market, 486 Clinton Ave., donated some meat during this time.

Tommy Coxson is chairman of the IUE-CIO local at the plant.

Membership Cards Are In

The new membership cards for 1964 are back from the printers. Be sure to get your copy at the Assembly meeting.

Dues are $1.00 a year per person.

Cheap enough for all the work the CHNC does. There's no one on salary here!

The council is a non-profit, non-partisan, community organization chartered as a corporation by the State of New Jersey.

Larger contributions are most welcome.

TRIAL DATE TO BE SET SOON

Hopes of an out-of court-settlement of the lawsuit challenging the "blight" declaration for light industry in Clinton Hill were dashed upon receipt of a letter from Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio dated September 30, 1963.

The Mayor said that he discussed the possibility of further changes in the re-use plan for the 74-block area around the Jelliff Ave. railroad tracks with the sponsors.

The sponsors, according to the Mayor, "have informed me that any further changes would not allow the area in question to be feasible."

"It is my judgment," the Mayor went on, "that nothing further can be accomplished by another meeting" for the purpose of negotiating.

He said that he would await a decision from the courts "and then on that basis make a decision."

After discussing the Mayor's letter, the Clinton Hill Council's Save Our Homes Committee reaffirmed its determination to fight the case to the end; and, win or lose, to attempt to develop alternate plans that would avoid the mass displacement of 4-5,000 families that would have to be removed under the present thinking of the Newark Housing Authority.

Hear Civil Rights Talk

As part of its fund-raising efforts to defray legal costs, the Save Our Homes Committee held a social evening featuring Stanley Aronowitz, former CHNC vice-president and now on the national staff of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, on Oct. 12.

About 25 persons turned out and took part in a sometimes heated exchange of views stimulated by Mr. Aronowitz's analysis. He held that the expansion of the economy was basic to any real solution of the civil rights problem in the United States.

Sale of cakes netted $20 for the SOH Committee.

METCOH CONFERENCE on NOV. 16

An important conference on "Freedom to Live" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, under the sponsorship of the Metropolitan Council on Housing (METCOH). It will take place at the YMCA at 215 West 23 Street in New York.

Open to residents of Newark and other parts of the metropolitan area, the conference will feature panels on Urban Renewal, Public Housing, and Enforcement. Oliver Leeds, chairman of Brooklyn C O R E will give the keynote address. Starting time is 10:15 a.m.

Registration is $1.00 and box lunches are available for another $.00. Call Mrs. Rose Heyman, 371-0822 for more information.

Block-Branch Doings

(To find out more about a block-branch near you, or to send in news items, call Mrs. Patterson at BI 2-8938 or Mrs. Winters at BI 3-6880.)

New Block-Branches - Welcome!

South 15th Street - meets the fourth Thursday of every month. A main problem now is a house owned by an absentee who is neglecting its maintenance. Even getting him to sit down and discuss the situation has been a problem. City Agencies have been informed and signs of enforcement of the housing and health codes will be carefully looked for. Block officers are Mrs. Patricia Caponigro, chairman; Mrs. Myrtle Harris, vice chairman; Mrs. Elaine Wolicky, secretary; Mrs. Pheobie Porter, treasurer.

South 16th Street - This up and coming group held a membership teain October which netted them nine new members. Officers include Mrs. Louise Owens, chairman; Mrs. Esther Howell, vice chairman; Mrs. Elaine Boston, secretary; Mrs. Martha Height, treasurer.

Block Branch Calendar

Block	Date of Meetings		
South 14	Third Saturday of each month	Treacy Ave.	Second Monday
Bergen St.	Second Wednesday	Shanley Ave.	Second Thursday
Ridgewood	First Monday	Baldwin Ave.	Second Friday
South 14 N.	Second Thursday	Farley Ave.	Fourth Friday
Chadwick N.	Second Friday	South 15	Fourth Thursday
Peshine N.	Second Monday	South 16	Second Thursday
Hillside	Second Monday		

Know someone who wants to start a block-branch. Call Mrs. Winters at BI 3-6880. She's the CHNC secretary and gives all the suggestions needed to get started.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The CHNC Education Committee has a new chairman with Mrs. Genevieve Worde replacing Mrs. Elsie Layton who put in over a year of devoted service.

At its statement to the Board of Education at the Board's October meeting (not reported in the press, of course, as usual), the committee made the following points:

1) Install a Higher Horizons program in Clinton Hill schools.
2) Construct the long overdue new Clinton Hill elementary school to head off growing overcrowding and looming split sessions.
3) Begin Open School Week (not just one day) so parents can meet the teachers, etc.
4) More visits and field trips for school children in elementary grades.

The CHNC Educ. Committee is making a survey of all local schools based on personal visits and will seek suggestions to improve their service to the community.

Here and There - proceeds from the Annual Auction in September were about $100.... The Council has donated $10.00 to the South Ward-Dayton Ambulance Squad... Chairman of the Housing Committee is Mrs. Rose Heyman, 874 South 16 Street. Write or phone all housing complaints you want the Council to handle to her at 371-0822. Have as many specific details about the violations that you can gather... Council vice president Stan Winters spoke on "Effective Neighborhood Organization" before the conference of the East Orange Federation of Neighborhood Associations on October 26... The Rev. Stanley J. Hallett, a founder of the CHNC and formerly vice president, stppped over in Newark on October 30 as part of a professional trip from his home in Chicago. Stan has become involved in a struggle to integrate the Methodist Churches of Jackson , Mississippi. He reports that "Jackson is the closest thing to a police state you'll find in the U.S."... The switch over of control of the Clinton Hill Rehabilitation Project (14 blocks between Bergen St. and Osborne Terrace) will soon be nearly a year old, a year that in the opinion of many residents, has been marked by its lack of progress on the project. Maybe things will perk up soon. It was our council's protests and interest which saved this project from extinction in 1958-60, until the city side-stepped our group to set up its own "citizen participation" group called CHARC. The pitiable results may in good part be attributed to the city's attitude toward the whole thing - the only rehab project in the entire city.

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